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My name is Henry Euler and I am the President of the Auburndale Improvement Association, a Vice President of the Queens Civic Congress and the 3rd Vice Chair for Queens Community Board 11. I am representing my local civic organization with this testimony.

The Auburndale Improvement Association is the oldest civic association in New York City, having been founded in 1905, incorporated in 1915, and continuously operated since, representing the interests of the Auburndale community in northeast Queens.

We are greatly concerned at the proposed first draft released by the Districting Commission concerning our community (as well as adjacent neighborhoods). While we are generally supportive of the proposed district lines through Auburndale, as they were mostly kept the same as the previous lines from a decade ago, the Station Road portion of Auburndale – with boundaries of the LIRR on the north; Utopia Parkway on the east; Flushing Cemetery and 46th Avenue on the south; 165th/166th streets on the west – has been divided based on the Districting Commission's draft (See attached maps).

It is important for the Districting Commission to understand that the Station Road area is very distinct from its neighborhood to the west; the zoning is entirely R2/R2A one-family zoning – including on Northern Boulevard! – and was specifically reunited into the 19th Council District during the last redistricting actions in 2012 to keep intact a community of interest (See attached maps). Also, to be clear: unlike our neighboring homeowners association to the west of Station Road – Broadway Flushing – Northern Boulevard is not a natural dividing line as it runs through the middle of this Station Road neighborhood.

Similarly, the Bayside Hills neighborhood to the east was also specifically reunited into the 23rd Council District in 2012 after having been divided between the 19th and 23rd Council Districts in the previous decade (See attached maps).

We cannot overstate how important it is to keep our communities of interest – which are based on longtime neighborhood and civic boundaries, as well as discrete zoning areas and housing types – intact and whole within one district or another, rather than having them divided between districts.

Our organization requests that you go back to the previous boundaries for the Station Road area of Auburndale between Council Districts 19 and 20. The Station Road area should be wholly within the 19th Council District. We also suggest going

back to the previous lines for our neighbors in Bayside Hills as well, placing them wholly within the 23rd Council District.

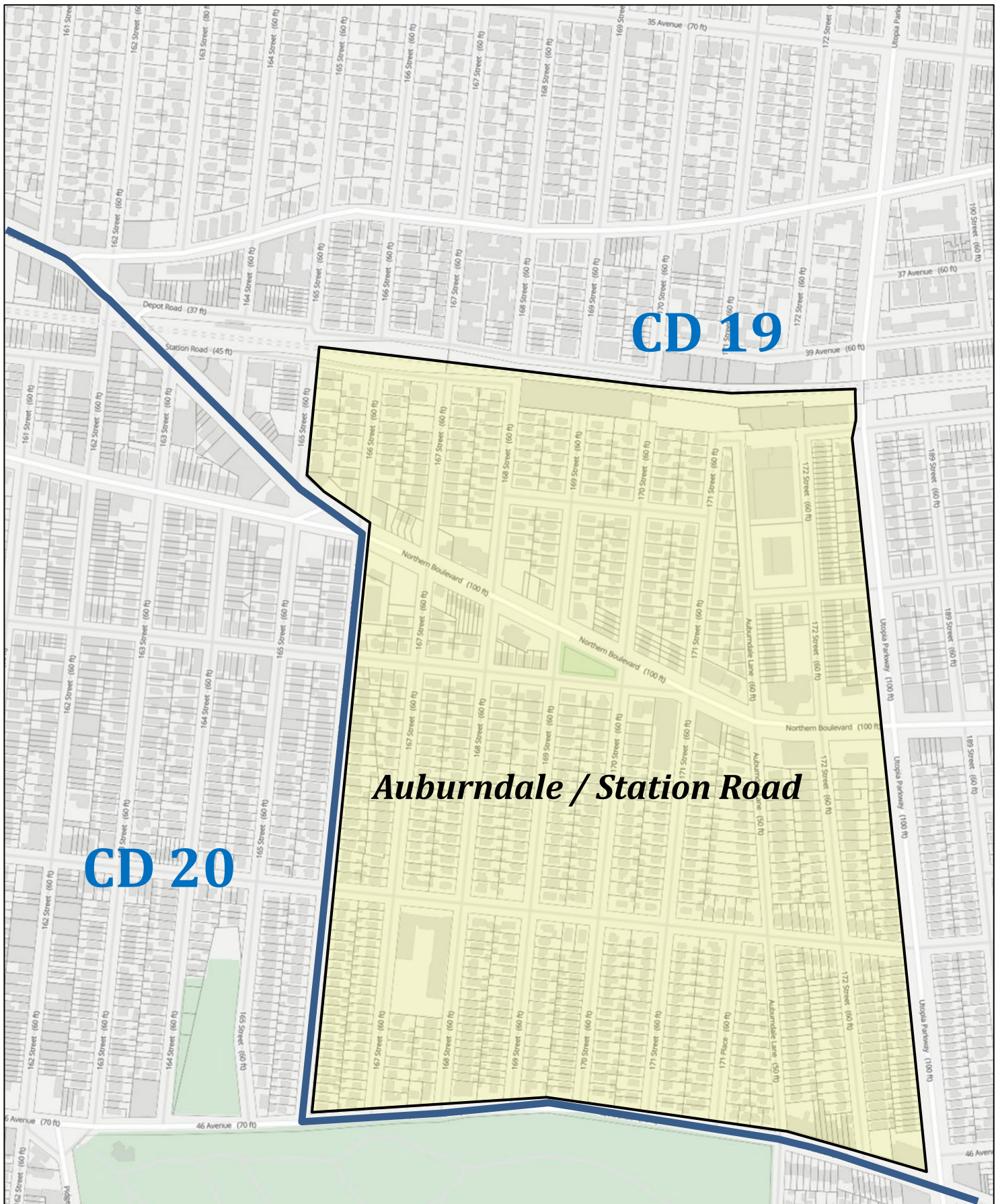
These lines were vetted by Paul Graziano, the Land Use Chair for the Queens Civic Congress, (of which we are a member), to ensure that all communities of interest and stakeholders throughout Queens County are responded to, including from a demographic perspective. Indeed, placing these lines back to their previous locations – as proposed by Mr. Graziano – will have no effect on the demographic profile of Council Districts 19, 20 or 23.

We support the proposed boundaries as proposed by the Queens Civic Congress for the 19th Council District in their entirety – as well as the lines for the rest of the borough of Queens – and request that the Districting Commission adopt them without reservation.

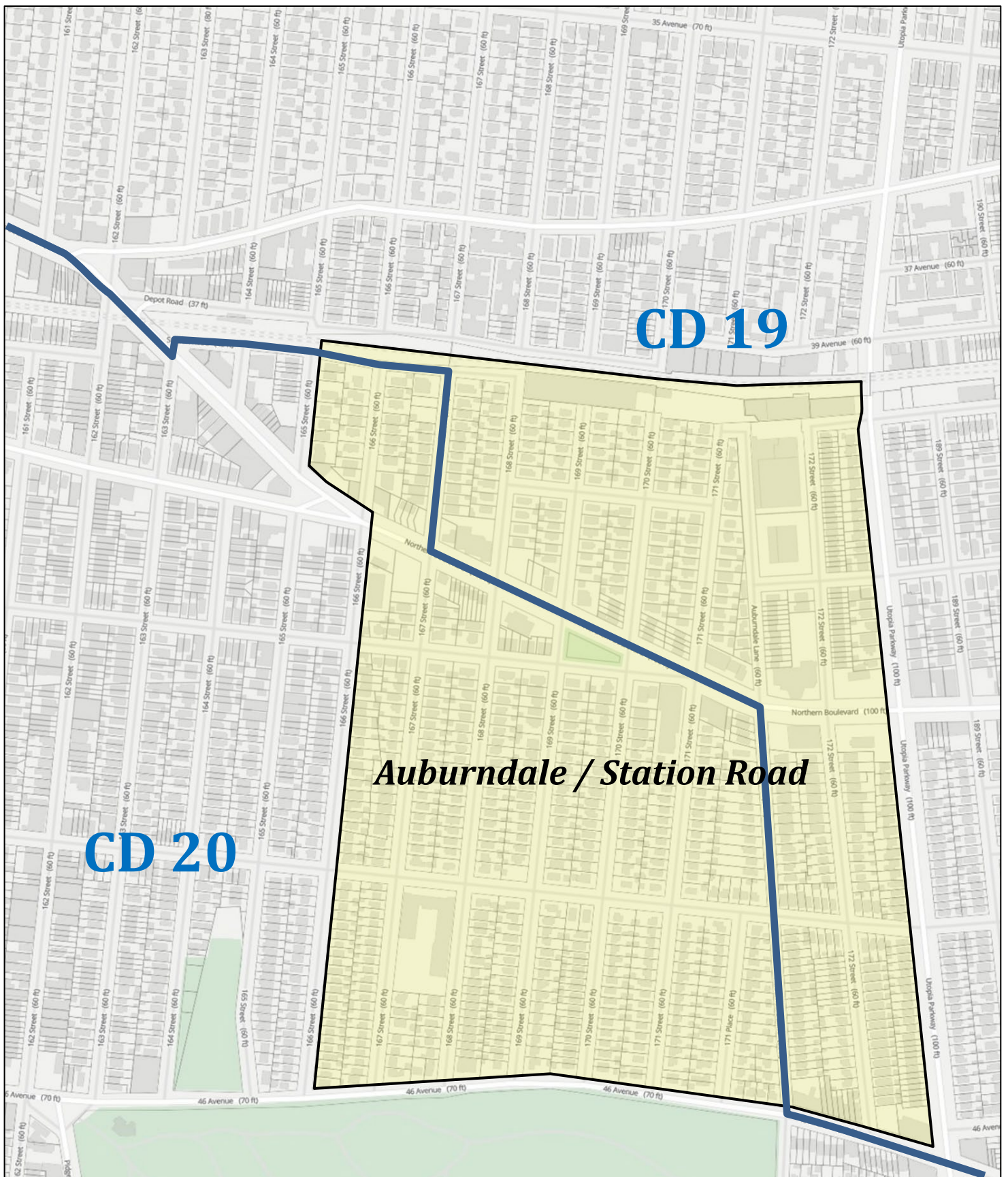
Sincerely,
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Single Family Zoning in Auburndale and surrounding areas –
2012 Boundary between CD 19 & CD 20



Auburndale Improvement Association / Station Road –
2012 Boundary between CD 19 & CD 20



Station Road – proposed boundary between CD 19 & CD 20

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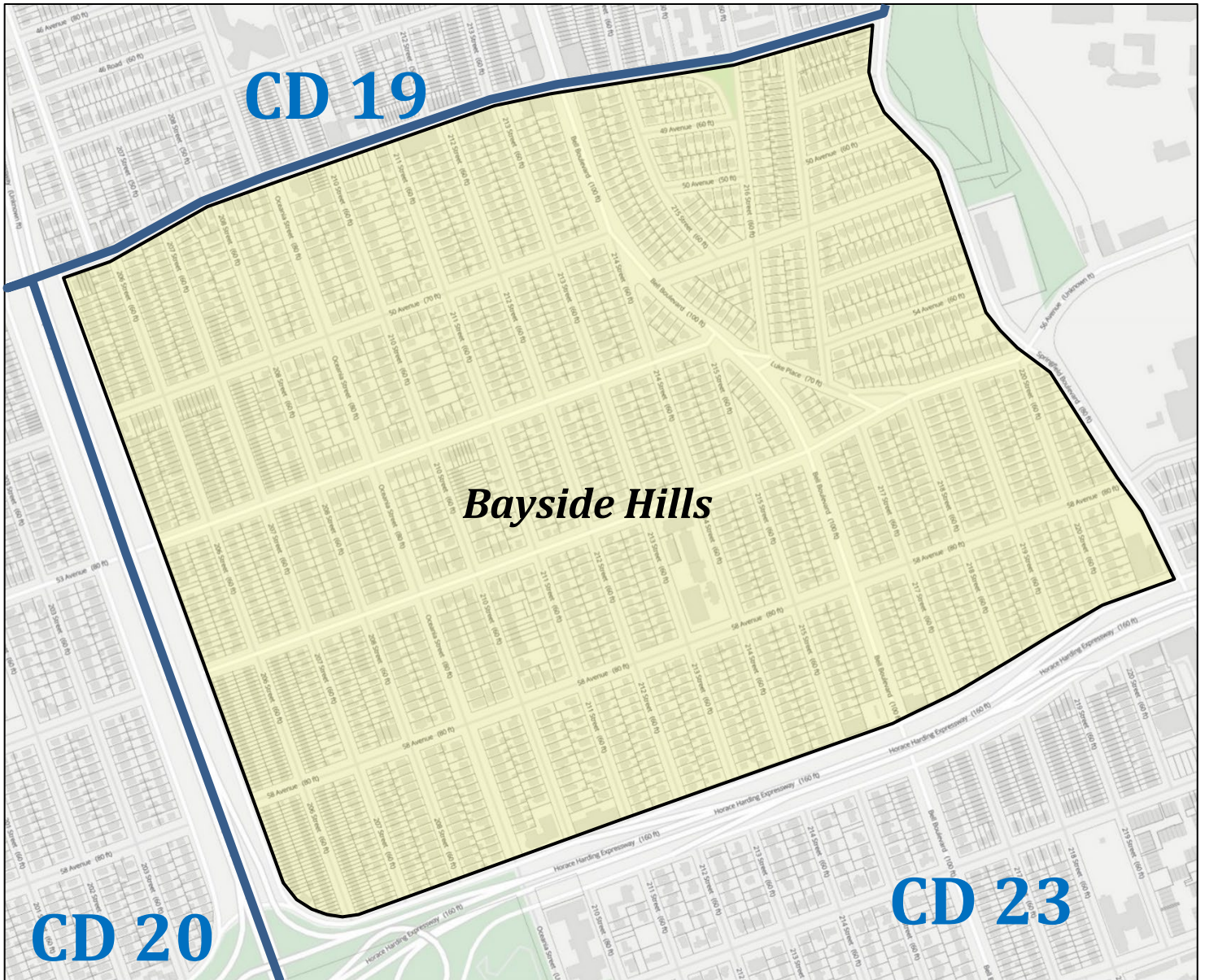


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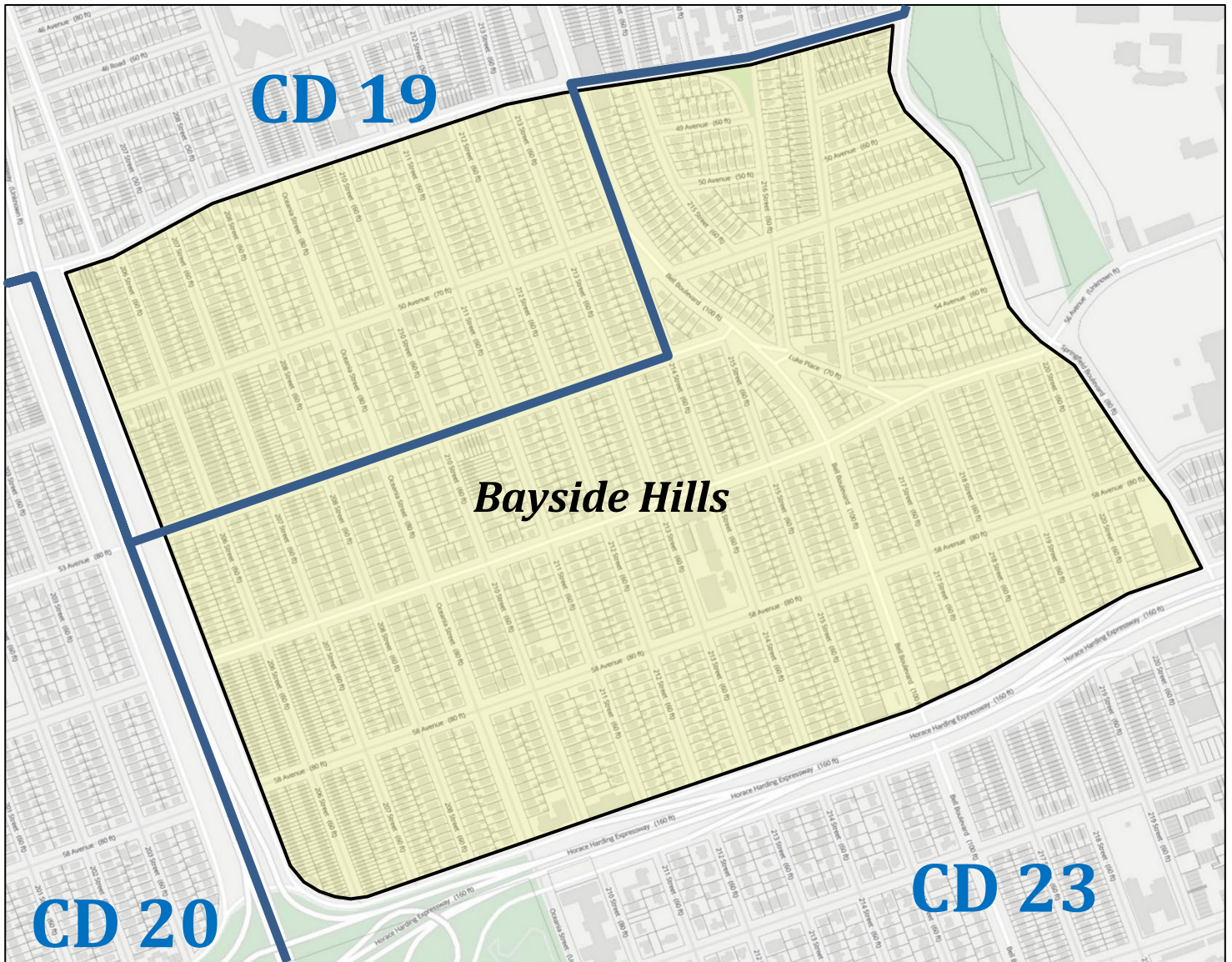
Auburndale / Station Road

Station Road – proposed boundary between CD 19 & CD 20

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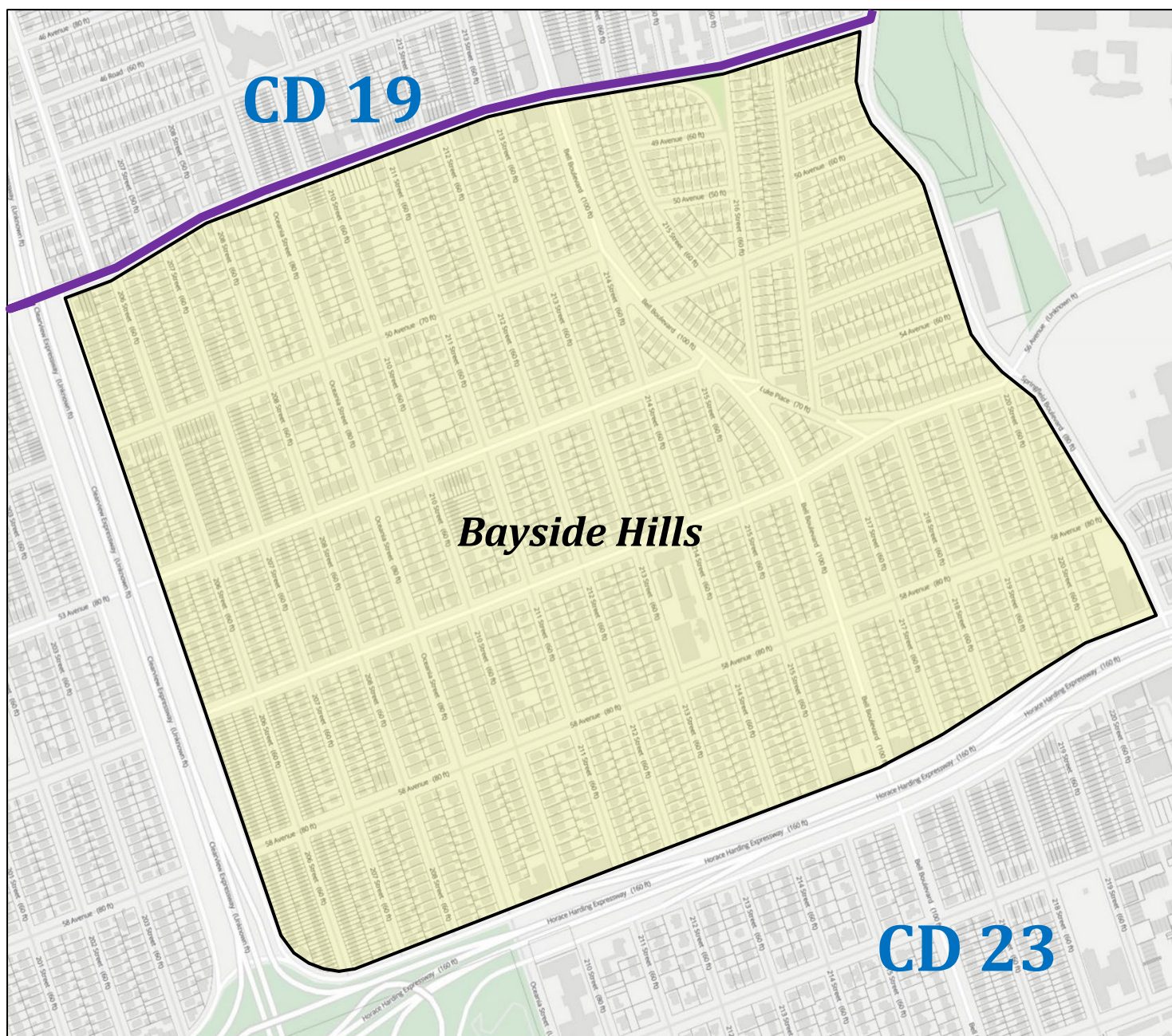


Bayside Hills –
2012 Boundary between CD 19, CD 20 & CD 23



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